# How Can Cycling Contribute?

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# Cycling on the up

- London
- ☐ Sustrans Connect 2
- Cycling England funding
- Cycling Demonstration Towns
- □ Health Agenda
- ☐ Global Warming and CO<sub>2</sub>





# Cycling cutting carbon

Assume a 12km round trip commute

5 times/week, 20 times/month, and 210 times/year

Carbon saving compared to average car = 854kg / year\*

\*Potter, Stephen (2004) Transport Energy and Emissions: Urban Public Transport, Ch13



## How do we achieve this?

#### Lancashire Travel Behaviour Research\*

- 46% of trips not by bike are due to physical constraints
- 27% trips not by bike for a range of subjective reasons
- Only 2% trips currently by bike
- □ Cycling is a viable option for 29% of all trips.



<sup>\*</sup> Socialdata & Sustrans Baseline Survey 2006

## How do we achieve this?

"1/3 of all car trips in Preston and Lancaster/Morecambe could be replaced by cycling using <u>existing infrastructure</u> ....

......with a programme of soft measures addressing subjective and motivational barriers to cycling".



# Cycling England

- Set up 2005 to deliver programmes that encourage...
- ☐ "more people cycling, more safely, more often"
- Bikeability
- Professional Support Team
- Promoting cycling
- Cycling Demonstration Towns.



## Cycling Demonstration Towns

- ☐ Launched in 2005
- £8.4m Government funding initially
- Bidding Process for first round
- ☐ 6 Towns: Brighton, Darlington, Derby, Exeter, Lancaster and Aylesbury
- ☐ £500K per year each for 3 years.



## Cycling Demonstration Towns

- □ Targeted and sustained investment
- □ Spending levels in line with European cities
- ☐ £5 per head per year over a sustained period
- ☐ Currently UK levels <£1 per head
- What has been achieved?
- ☐ Lessons?



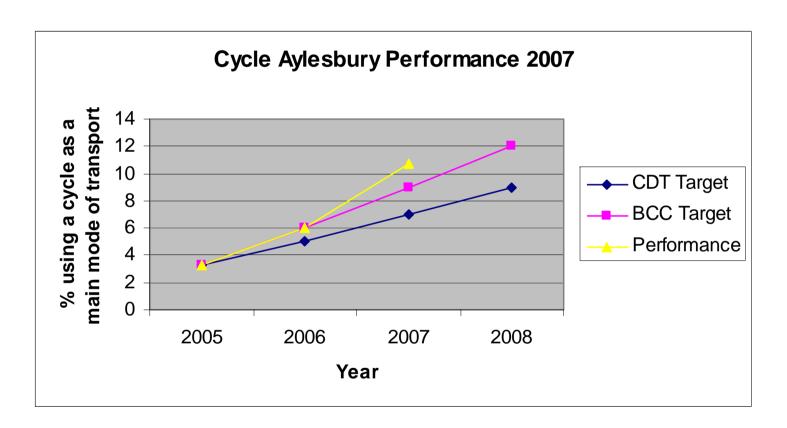


### **Aylesbury:**

- Promotion
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**Brighton & Hove:** 

☐ Cycle Freeways.







#### **Brighton & Hove:**

- □ Advanced Stop Lines
- ☐ Personalised Travel Planning.





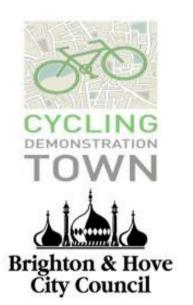
#### **Brighton & Hove:**

10,000 households (25,000 people)

6% decrease in Car Trips 500,000 fewer car trips

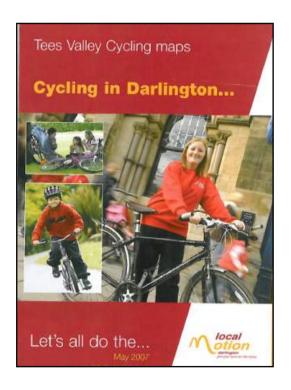


122% increase in Cycling Trips 175,000 more cycling trips.







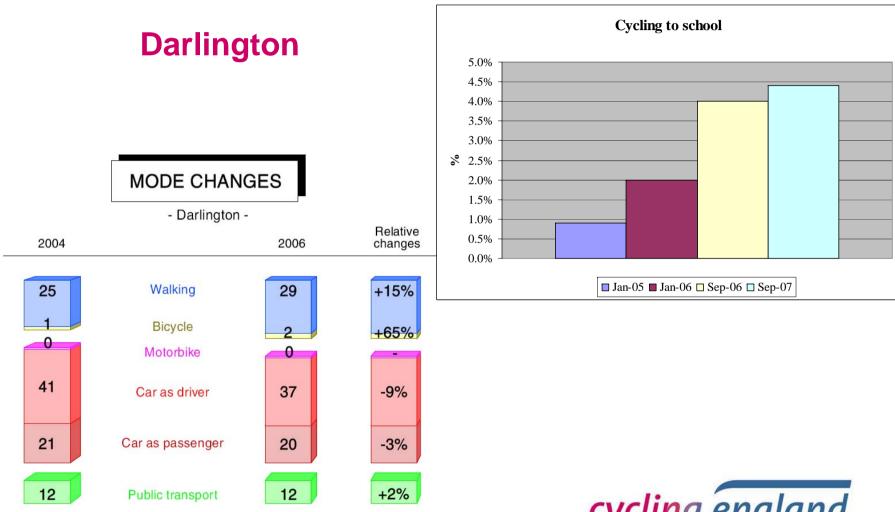


#### **Darlington:**

- ☐ Building a network of cycle routes
- ☐ Tackling perception of time
- □ Telling people about cycling
- Motivating people to cycle
- ☐ Also a 'Sustainable Travel Town'.















#### **Exeter:**

- Infrastructure
- Soft measures
- ☐ Training.





Time Period	Growth in cycle trips
2006-2007	Increase of 14%
2005 (baseline) - Present	Increase of 25%







#### Lancaster:

- ☐ Filling missing links
- ☐ Promotion & publicity
- □ Training
- ☐ Travel planning.



#### **Lancaster results:**

- ☐ Increase in cycling trips of 7.2% 2006 to 2007
- □ 22,505 extra trips.





#### What lessons have been learned?

- Quantitative information and research essential
- Not everyone agrees on the 'how'
- Capital projects are difficult and often take longer
- Consultation is key, but is time consuming
- ☐ Staff need the right skills assemble a good team
- Need a mix of both infrastructure and promotion.



#### What lessons have been learned?

- ☐ Focus on the 'what's in it for me?'
- ☐ Be bold try new things eg. reallocation of space
- ☐ Local ownership is important help organise events
- ☐ Have a 'Grand Plan' from the outset
- ☐ Integrate cycling more into the planning process
- ☐ Genuine support from senior management & politicians.



### CDT2?

- ☐ Cycling England £140m additional funding
- £47m for next round of CDTs
- ☐ 10 towns and 1 city
- □ 73 bids received
- ☐ Announcements from Summer 08.



## Thank you – any questions?

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